Amendment in Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998

623. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few States running their own lotteries have framed rules, as a protective measure, to monitor and control sale of lotteries organised by other States in their territory;

(b) whether Government propose to amend the existing Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 restricting the rule making powers of the States only to lotteries of their own State; and

(c) whether the Centre would bring about a one-time tax-at-source to be shared between the Centre and the State concerned to avoid multiple tax slabs on lotteries imposed by different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per available information, the State of Kerala has framed Kerala State Lotteries and on-line Lotteries (Regulation) Rules, 2003 which has been challenged by one of the State in the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) There are no such proposals.

Review of Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958

624. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per media report, it is a fact that Government had decided to constitute a five member committee to review the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to replace AFSPA, 1958 by a new law in places where the AFSPA, 1958 is in implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) A committee headed by Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy, former judge of the Supreme Court of India has been